

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

DEDRIC LAVAUGHN STANLEY	§	
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v.	§	Case No. 6:19-cv-202-JDK-KNM
	§	Criminal Case No. 6:17-cr-76-1
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Before the Court is Dedric Lavaughn Stanley's motion to vacate or correct his federal sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The case was referred to United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636.

On January 12, 2021, Judge Mitchell issued a Report recommending that the Court deny the motion and dismiss this action with prejudice. The Report further recommended that a certificate of appealability be denied. Docket No. 17. A copy of this Report was sent to Movant.


This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law. *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), *superseded on other grounds by statute*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Movant did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and

reviews the legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 17) as the findings of this Court. It is therefore **ORDERED** that Stanley's motion to vacate or correct his federal sentence is **DENIED** and this case is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. Further, a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **23rd** day of **March, 2021**.

  
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JEREMY D. KERNODLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE